

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a network-card-recognizing device that recognizes a plurality of network cards mounted therein;

a degree-of-demountability storage device that stores therein the degrees of demountability of the plurality of network cards recognized by the network-card-recognizing device; and

[[a for-main-apparatus-body]] an information processing apparatus identifier production device that produces [[a main-apparatus-body]] an identifier for the information processing apparatus based on [[identifier using]] an identifier of a network card having the lowest degree of demountability among the plurality of network cards stored in the degree-of-demountability storage device.

6. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the demountability is a facility of structurally detaching a network card, a frequency of uses, or a type of card.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A for use on main apparatus body~~ An information processing apparatus identifier production method for an information processing apparatus, comprising:

a network-card-recognizing step for recognizing a plurality of network cards;

a degree-of-demountability storage step for storing the degrees of demountability of the plurality of network cards that are recognized in the network-card-recognizing step; and

[[a for-main-apparatus-body]] an information processing apparatus identifier production step for producing [[a main-apparatus-body]] an identifier for the information processing apparatus based on [[using]] an identifier of a network card having the lowest degree of demountability among the plurality of network cards stored in the degree-of-demountability storage step.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~for use on main apparatus body~~ information processing apparatus identifier production method for an information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the demountability is a facility of structurally detaching a network card, a frequency of uses, or a type of card.